



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Calendar of Events

Holiday Collection Schedule

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2009

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26
Tuesday, May 26	Wednesday, May 27
Wednesday, May 27	Thursday, May 28
Thursday, May 28	Friday, May 29
Friday, May 29	Saturday, May 30

Montgomery County Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 25, 2009

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Parking lot in front of
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Rain or shine!



Special recycling events:

Paper shredding and denim jean and denim clothing recycling drop-off

Celebrate Earth Day 2009



Earth Day is the day we celebrate the environmental progress we have made as a society, and consider additional steps we can take to protect the environment and our natural resources.

This year, join the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) in celebrating Earth Day by hosting special community events and encouraging residents in your communi-

ties to reduce waste, recycle everything that can be recycled, buy products made with recycled content, compost yard trimmings, and grasscycle grass clippings.

Montgomery County is hosting its annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at 850 Hungerford Drive in Rockville (in the parking lot in front of the Montgomery County Public Schools headquarters building and across from Montgomery College). Join the County and your neighbors for a day filled with information on recycling, waste reduction, buying recycled products, as well as composting, grasscycling, and other environmental topics. In addition to the exhibits, the Division will host a paper shredding event for Montgomery County residents to shred their confidential papers, as well as a collection for blue jeans and denim that will be recycled into insulation. Tours of the County's award-winning recycling center will be conducted (buses will leave and return from 850 Hungerford Drive approximately every 15 minutes). This celebration will also include earth friendly craft-making for parents and children alike, distribution of compost bins (for County residents) and limited samples of Leafgro®.

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by hosting your own community Earth Day celebration as a fun and effective way to encourage your residents to do their part and work to protect the environment. You could organize a poster, essay, poetry, T-shirt design, photography, or art contest with an environmental theme, or you could have volunteers within your community work together to improve the local environment by talking to their neighbors about recycling. Make educational materials easily accessible so that community members can learn more about what they can recycle, and what happens to these recycled materials after they are taken away. The DSWS has a variety of educational materials available for distribution. Visit us online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 240-777-6446. But most importantly, no matter how you celebrate Earth Day, be sure to extend your community's concern for the environment well beyond April 22nd.

For more County-sponsored events, see page 4.

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Save time and help the environment this spring and summer – Just Mow and Go!

Whenever you mow your lawn and let the grass clippings fall directly on the lawn instead of collecting the grass clippings, you are grasscycling. It's fast, easy, and is good for your lawn and the environment. Once cut, grass clippings dehydrate, decompose, and then quickly disappear from view. They add organic matter to the soil, working as a fertilizer that produces healthy, green lawns. Encourage your residents, lawn care services, or landscape contractors to just "mow and go" by grasscycling.

Here are a few tips to maximize the advantages of grasscycling:

- Mow only when the lawn is dry.
- Use a sharp mower blade. A dull mower blade is less effective and can damage the grass.
- Follow the "1/3 Rule" – set the mower blade so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the blade of grass is cut during any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce smaller clippings that will decompose quickly.
- Grass clippings decay quickly and disappear within a day or two. If you are worried about people tracking grass into your home or pool, try mowing late in the day so that grass clippings have time to settle overnight.
- You can grasscycle with most any lawn mower (push, electric or gas). The mower collection bag should be removed to allow grass clippings to fall on the lawn. If your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, purchase a retrofit kit from your local retailer.



Scrap Metal Recycling Reminder:



The Division of Solid Waste Services provides single-family households with unlimited scrap metal recycling collection of large scrap metal items upon request. Examples of scrap metal items include:

- Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, stoves, and ovens).
- Metal furniture (desks, filing cabinets, metal shelving, metal patio furniture, disassembled metal sheds, and swing sets).
- Bicycles, lawn mowers, and chain link or wire fencing.

To schedule a scrap metal recycling collection, call the Division of Solid Waste Services at 240-777-6410 by 11:00 am on the business day before your regular recycling collection day.

In addition, residents can drop off smaller scrap metal items such as door hangers, toasters, irons, pots, and pans for recycling at the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station/Recycling Center located at 16101/16105 Frederick Road in Derwood. Follow the signs for the recycling drop-off area and look for the scrap metal pile. The facility is open seven days a week: Monday - Friday: 7:00 am - 8:00 pm; Saturday: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Sunday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.



Educating Your Community

As your residents begin their spring cleaning, look to the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) to help you and your residents explore ways to become "greener." Every community has different needs, and DSWS has a full menu of options designed to provide assistance in a way tailored to your specific goals. The County's assistance options include:

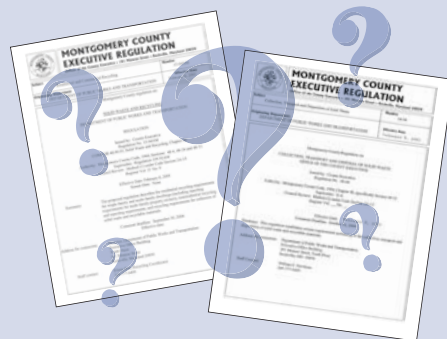
Brochures and other educational materials – As you work to improve the recycling efforts in your community, DSWS offers a variety of useful materials that provide helpful tips on how to reduce waste, reuse materials, and recycle. You can make these materials readily available to your community residents as an easy way to encourage others to learn how they can better protect the environment. Display the materials at your community events and let your residents know these materials are available from DSWS in your community newsletter.



Recycling bins – The County provides recycling bins to Montgomery County residents receiving County-provided recycling collection services. If you do not have a blue wheeled cart for your mixed paper, or if you need a new or additional blue bin for commingled materials, contact DSWS at 240-777-6410.

Guest speaking at community events and meetings – County staff are available to give presentations at your next community meeting or can staff an educational display table at your next community event. Topics that can be covered include:

- Educating your community on the benefits of recycling, waste reduction, and buying recycled products.
- Answering questions about the County's recycling programs and requirements.
- Providing composting demonstrations.



To request staff from DSWS to attend your next community meeting or event, contact Alan Pultyniewicz at 240-777-6480.

Upcoming Recycling Events

Paper Shredding

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Electronics Recycling Collection Events

Saturday, April 25, 2009

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Parking lot in front of
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Open to Montgomery County
residents only. Please bring
no more than 3 bags or
1 box of confidential papers for
shredding.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Silver Spring International
Middle School
313 Wayne Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Westland Middle School
5511 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816

Satellite collection events
operate from 10:00 am to
2:00 pm, and are unable to
accept material after 2:00 pm.
No appointment is needed.

**No commercial vehicles
or non-residential waste,
please.**

Sunday, April 26, 2009

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Baker Middle School
25400 Oak Drive
Damascus, MD 20872

Sunday, June 7, 2009

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bethesda Chevy-Chase HS
4301 East-West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814

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This information is available in an alternate format by calling
Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6400.

County Recycling Center
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County Transfer Station
(240) 777-6560
Recycling for Businesses
(240) 777-6400
Recycling for Multi-Family Properties
(240) 777-6400
e-mail: recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
(240) 777-6465 (fax)
(240) 777-6442 (TTY)
(240) 777-6400 / (240) 777-6410
Division of Solid Waste Services

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